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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated May 9, 1997, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 8, line 17, replace "cylopropan-1-yl" with --cyclopropan-1-yl--.

On page 10, line 3, replace "above-descried" with --above-described--.

On page 14, line 18, replace "single-rig heterocyclic" with --heteromonocyclic--.

On page 17, line 17, replace "is" with --include--.

On page 17, line 20, replace "is" with --include--.

On page 19, line 10, replace "above-descried" with --above-described--.

On page 28, line 9, replace "ar (lower) alkyl" with --aryl (lower) alkyl--.

On page 35, line 1, replace "(lower alkyl)" with --lower alkyl--.

On page 40, line 2, replace the first occurrence of "[" with --]--.